

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ANTHONY TORRES,)	No. C 11-2638 JSW (PR)
)	
Plaintiff,)	ORDER DENYING MOTION
)	FOR APPOINTMENT OF
v.)	COUNSEL
)	
G. LEWIS; MATTHEW CATE; G.)	
KELLEY,)	
)	(Docket No. 13)
Defendants.)	

Plaintiff, an inmate at Pelican Bay State Prison, has filed this pro se civil rights complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. There is no constitutional right to counsel in a civil case. *Lassiter v. Dep't of Social Services*, 452 U.S. 18, 25 (1981). Section 1915 confers on a district court only the power to "request" that counsel represent a litigant who is proceeding in forma pauperis. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(1). As a result, the Court has only the power to ask pro bono counsel to represent Plaintiff, not the power to "appoint" counsel. Plaintiff is capable of presenting his claims effectively, and the issues, at least at this stage, are not complex. Consequently, the motion (docket number 13) is DENIED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: November 7, 2011


JEFFREY S. WHITE
United States District Judge

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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ANTHONY TORRES,
Plaintiff,

Case Number: CV11-02638 JSW

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

v.


G. LEWIS et al,
Defendant.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am an employee in the Office of the Clerk, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California.

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Dated: November 7, 2011


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